



Thames Stamp Club Newsletter

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The Thames Stamp Club meets the second and fourth Wednesday of each month, Sept. through June, at 7:00 P.M. First meeting of each month at the Waterford Public Library, 49 Rope Ferry Rd, Waterford, CT and second meeting of the month at the Groton Public Library, 52 Newtown Rd, Groton, CT. All area philatelists are invited. Annual dues are \$10.00. The club's email is tbbee@aol.com. The club's address is PO Box 624, E. Lyme, CT 06333 and on the web at <http://www.ThamesStampClub.org>.

March Recap

11 Mar – Open meeting at the Waterford Public Library with seven members attending in the room and none on zoom. We held club elections with Charles N. covering for John J. There were no nominations from the floor. A motion was passed for the secretary to cast one vote to elect the slate of officers as presented. Members elected include: Tony B. President, Brian B. Vice President, Gerry Van N. Treasurer, Dee S. Recording Secretary and Sue F. Corresponding Secretary. The website-backup discussion will continue when we have the details. Refreshments by Marilyn H. and a short auction concluded the evening.

25 Mar – In person meeting at the Groton Public Library with eight members attending and none on Zoom. We concluded the transfer of funds from Charles N. to Gerry Van N. and we agreed to set up an appointment at our old bank as soon as possible to establish a new account and get signature cards for the Treasurer, President and Vice President on file. Members set Saturday 17 October as the date for Thamespex'26. Obie will reserve the Waterford Community Center for the show. **Note venue change for our next meeting** due to preemption by a Waterford Town Board. Refreshments by Charles N, followed by a lively auction concluded the evening.

April Meetings

8 Apr – In person meeting at Gerry Van N. house + Zoom for those who cannot make it. Gerry Van N. also has refreshments. We will have a short auction.

22 Apr – In person meeting at the Groton Public Library + Zoom for those who cannot make it. Sue F. has refreshments. We will have a short auction.

March Stamp Shows

26 Apr 4th Sunday Show @ The Annex YMA, 554 Woodward Ave, New Haven

Here and There

Gerry lives in the Giants Neck Beach area at 23 Brockett Rd, Niantic. Serviced covers for the Commissioning of the USS Massachusetts on 28 March are now available. There are only 30 serviced covers and are \$3.50 each. Reserve your cover now before they are all gone. **It is that time of year again and your 2026 dues are now due. Dues are \$10/yr. Please mail \$10 to TSC, PO Box 624, E. Lyme, CT 06333.** Everyone, please stay healthy and safe. The following link will take you to the APS Monthly Newsletter:

<https://stamps.org/news/c/news/p/1>

Philatelically yours,

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